

Request of Orissa Government on inclusion of certain erstwhile princely States in Jharkhand

1881. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received any recommendation on behalf of Government of Orissa regarding merger of the erstwhile princely States of Horikela and Kharsuan at the time of formation of Vananchal (Jharkhand);

(b) whether it would be proper to include Jarhpur district of Chhattisgarh in the State of Jharkhand from geographical point of view so as to ensure its overall development as indicated by Chief Minister in his submission;

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes Sir. Recommendations of the Government of Orissa were received at the time of introduction of the Bihar Reorganisation Bill, 2000 in the Lok Sabha for merger of the former Princely State of Seraikela and Kharsuan in Bihar with Orissa.

(b) to (d) The Government of India is presently not considering any redrawing of the boundaries of existing States.

Setting up bio-gas plants in Orissa

1882. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state what was the target and the number of bio-gas plants set up in the State of Orissa in Eighth and Ninth Plans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): Information on the target and number of family type bio-gas plants set up by the State nodal agency, namely, Orissa